

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all of you! New Years resolutions are being made, whether it's enrolling in the local gyms for a healthier 2009 year or scheduling time to meet with family and friends. I will be making some of the same decisions for the City.

Forming partnerships with entities such as STA, Central Valley School District, The HUB, SRTC, and other jurisdictions will be paramount to getting a streamlined collaborative approach to meeting the needs of our residents. Having a place at the table is so important to help establish outcomes for our community, and this year I will sit on several boards.

We have had a record snowfall for the region, but having lived in the area the past 48 years the weather is pretty typical. We need to reach out to our neighbors and clear out the elderly neighbor's sidewalks and driveways. Identify and clear out pathways to fire hydrants and mail boxes so services can be seamless. This will take all of us to make delivery of services streamline. Our crews are doing a great job of clearing the streets. Let's give them as much help as possible by moving our vehicles off the streets. Our web-site www.libertylakewa.gov and this newsletter will highlight the snow plow's schedule during snowfall.

Mayor Wendy Van Orman

2009 BUDGET

By Jessica Platt
Administrative Services Manager

The 2009 City Budget passed on December 16, 2008. The Budget reflects a conservative approach to meeting service needs of the residents in Liberty Lake and focuses on the doing more with less approach. City staff recognizes the ethical and fiduciary responsibility to the residents of Liberty Lake to carefully account for public funds, wisely manage municipal finances, and plan adequate funding for services and facilities desired and needed by the public.

With revenues totaling \$8,271,465, and the Beginning Fund Balance, which is the amount of cash and investments considered to be on-hand at the beginning of 2009, is estimated at approximately \$4,044,490, the 2009 Budget totals \$12,315,955,

The General Fund is estimated to total \$6,419,614. Fifty-nine percent of the revenue in the General Fund is generated by sales, property, and other taxes. The largest revenue sources for the City have traditionally been sales and property taxes.

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TREELIGHTING WRAP-UP:

The City's 5th annual Tree Lighting Ceremony saw a record turnout as over 300 people attended the event on Dec. 4th. The sounds of the areas choirs filled the air, carriage rides were offered along with pictures with Santa, chestnut roasting, crafts and more. A slideshow of the evening is on our Winter 2008 website:

<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/winter>



University High School Advance Choir

For **FREE** digital copies of your picture with Santa or any other photos taken by City Staff on Dec 4th, please stop by City Hall.

FOOD DRIVE:

The City would like to thank the Liberty Lake Community, as a total of 7 barrels of food along with cash donations were brought in equaling an equivalent of over 4000 lbs of food for the City's annual food drive. All donations helped benefit the 2nd Harvest Food Bank.

HOME DECORATING CONTEST WINNER:

A special thanks goes out to everyone who participated in the 2008 Liberty Lake Christmas Light Home Decorating Contest. The Mayor announced the winner, 1819 N. Winrock, on Fri. Dec. 19th who received the \$500 grand prize.



TRAILHEAD GOLF COURSE

By Mollie Thola
Golf Pro

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Exciting things are happening at Trailhead for 2009! When the snow melts and the sun comes out to warm us up, we will be busy preparing for spring and summer golf camps. A variety of golf camps for kids and adults will be offered throughout the summer to fit the busiest of schedules. The driving range will be open as soon as weather permits to accommodate the avid golfer in your family. Keep your eyes open for golfers practicing or call the Pro Shop for an opening date and times. We're hoping for an early spring! For information, please call the Pro Shop @ 928-3484.

Budget Cont:

Expenditures are estimated to total **\$7,976,678** for all funds. The Ending Fund Balance, which is carried over at the end of the year, is estimated at approximately \$4,339,277 for all funds, and is used to limit current and future risks such as revenue shortfall and unexpected expenditures. Money is spent to provide City services such as police, snow removal and maintenance, street improvements, and invest in the City's financial future.

It is important to note that budgets are not static documents and require timely and effective management in response to ever changing economic conditions, as well as potential opportunities. By State law, budgets establish the maximum authority of which spending may occur; However, this is not a mandate to spend every dollar budgeted. City staff routinely updates the City's revenue forecast to stay aligned with ongoing changes in the local economy. Moreover, expenditures are expanded or contracted to remain aligned with current revenue forecasts. These measures assist the City Council in making good financial decisions that will ensure the long-term fiscal viability of the City.

For a copy of the 2009 Budget please visit the City's Web site at www.libertylakewa.gov, or stop by City Hall.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE SUMMARY*

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| SALES TAX | \$ 1,949,000 | 30% |
| PROPERTY TAX | \$ 1,762,712 | 27% |
| BEGINNING GENERAL FUND BALANCE | \$ 1,249,892 | 19% |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES | \$ 672,100 | 10% |
| LICENSES & PERMITS | \$ 380,160 | 6% |
| CHARGE FOR SERVICES | \$ 123,800 | 2% |
| OTHER TAXES | \$ 98,500 | 2% |
| NONREVENUES | \$ 67,050 | 1% |
| FINES AND FORFEITS | \$ 64,000 | 1% |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | \$ 52,400 | 1% |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | \$ 6,419,614 | |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL FUNDS*

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| INTERNAL TRANSFERS AND DEBT | | |
| SERVICE | \$ 1,658,054 | 21% |
| OTHER PROPRIETARY FUNDS | \$ 1,157,148 | 15% |
| PUBLIC SAFETY | \$ 1,140,656 | 14% |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS | \$ 1,081,340 | 14% |
| PUBLIC WORKS | \$ 708,518 | 9% |
| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | \$ 526,406 | 7% |
| LIBRARY | \$ 456,174 | 6% |
| PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES | \$ 439,802 | 6% |
| LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL | \$ 434,462 | 5% |
| PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION | \$ 321,002 | 4% |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND | | |
| OTHER FINANCING USES | \$ 53,116 | 1% |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR ALL FUNDS | \$ 7,976,678 | |

*Rounding makes sum of percentages greater or less than 100

MEET YOUR STAFF

Andrew Staples
City Engineer

Hello, my name is Andrew Staples and I am the City Engineer for the City of Liberty Lake. I graduated from the University of Idaho and am a licensed professional engineer in Washington. Right now I live in Coeur d'Alene with my wife and two children (soon to be three).

Some of my hobbies outside of work include landscaping and spending time with my family. The citizen's and city's high activity levels make this a great place to work.

If any of you have questions about city projects or our streets, feel free to call me or stop by my office. I look forward to meeting you sometime soon!



NEW AT THE LIBRARY

By Tracy Rebstock
Librarian

Happy New Year to all! The Library is trying some new things in the New Year. Can't wait for the Summer Reading Program to start? This year you don't have to as we are having our first Winter Reading Program called WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK. This is open to all ages. It will run from January 1 to March 31st. Please come by the library and pick up a reading log or bingo sheet. We will explain how it all works. All reading logs need to be in by Saturday April 4th for the grand prize drawing. Prizes will include things like Barnes and Noble gift cards, Starbucks cards, iTunes cards, etc.



BOOK CLUBS:

The Library is starting two book clubs in 2009. The first is for K-3rd grade and will meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 4pm. It will not be necessary to have read the book prior to the discussion, but we will do activities and reading based on the theme for that month. For a list of the books, come by the Library. The second group is for ages 9-13. We will have our first meeting on Saturday Jan. 10th at 10:30am. We will be discussing how we will run the group and pick things to read at that meeting. Please sign up if you plan to attend. If you can't attend but are interested, please talk to Tracy. For both of these book clubs, if the interest is there and the timing doesn't work, please let Tracy know and we will get a time that works better for everyone.

As always we are open to suggestions on programming and activities for all ages. If you have something you would like to see at your Library, please email Tracy: trebstock@libertylakewa.gov.

LIBERTY LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

JANUARY STORY TIMES AT THE LIBERTY LAKE LIBRARY

By Amy Dickeson
Children's Librarian

Fridays and Saturdays
10:30am

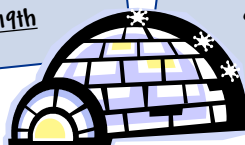
Stories and Crafts
3 years and up

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| Jan 2, 3 | Snow |
| Jan 9, 10 | Outer Space |
| Jan 16, 17 | Pizza |
| Jan 23, 24 | Under the Sea |
| Jan 30, 31 | Elephants |



Mondays
10:15 and 11:00am
Baby Laptime
Books, Rhymes, and Music
Ages 9 months - 24 months
Closed Jan 19th

Tuesdays
10:30am
Toddler/Preschool
Story Time
Stories, music, and
dramatic play
18+ months



FAMILY GAME NIGHT!

Thursday Jan. 8th
5:30 - 7:30pm

Liberty Lake Municipal Library

1421 N. Meadowwood Lane, Suite 130, 140 Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: 509-232-2510 Fax: 509-232-2512

Q & A

HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to: wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov. I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

Q: "When will my street be plowed?"

A: "The City has to prioritize areas for plowing. Crews have been hard at work during this record snowfall, and I'm pleased to announce that we are in great shape, especially compared to other surrounding areas. When a major storm hits, crews are out plowing emergency routes and major arterials. They may plow arterials a second time before starting on residential streets. The City plows all public streets according to the following:

1. Snow Emergency Routes.
2. Major Arterials & Collectors
3. Secondary Arterials & Bus Routes.
4. Residential Hills.
5. Residential Streets either when snowfall reaches between 4 and 6 in and/or all other priorities are in satisfactory condition.

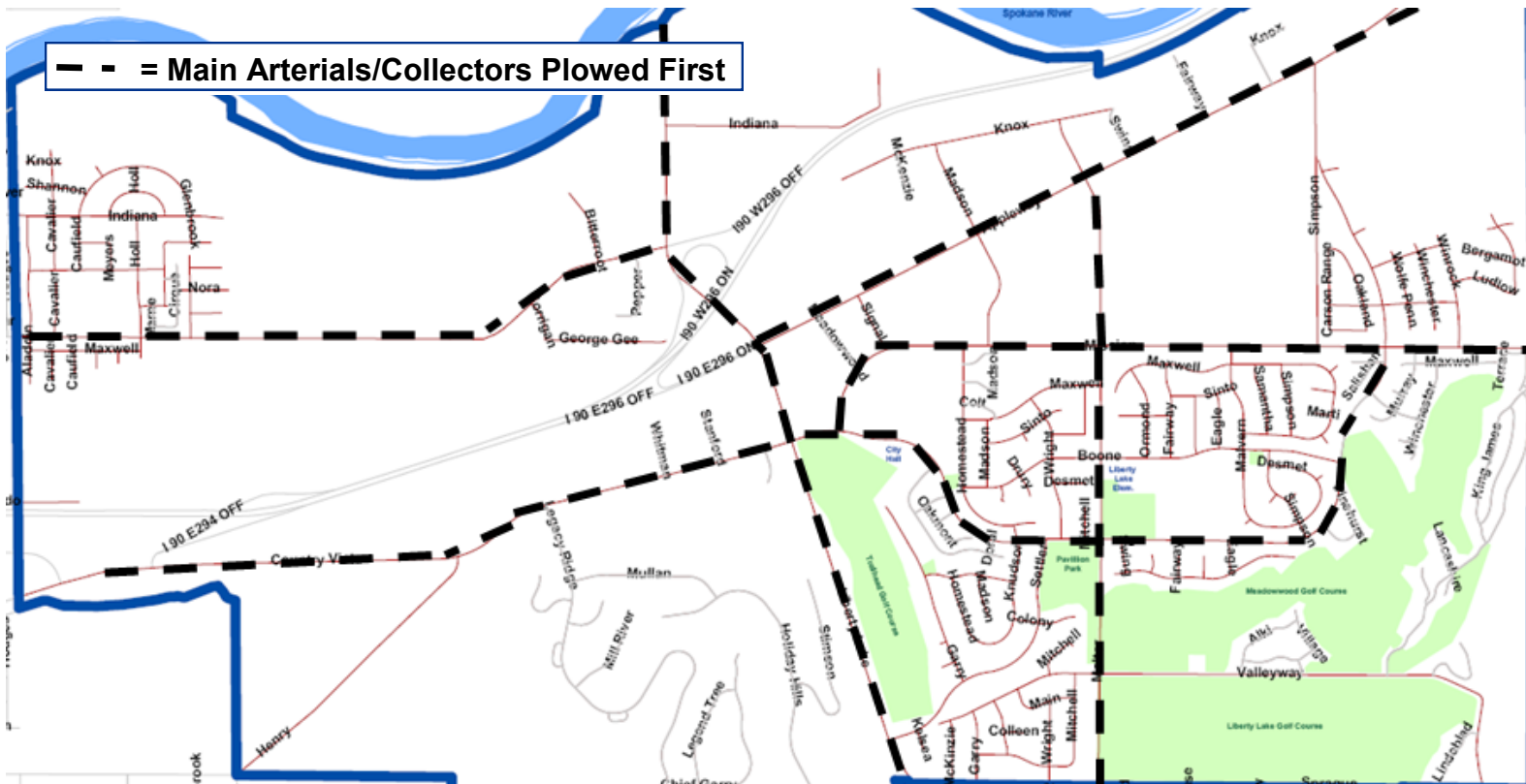
With record snow on the ground and no end in site, you as a citizen can help out by moving your car off the street so that our crews can easily maneuver the streets. Please keep in mind that our crews are doing a great job, and that it is impossible to plow our streets with this much snow, without creating the snow berms."

Q: "What can I do to help out those in need when it snows?"

A: "Here are some things you can volunteer your time to help:

1. Digging out your neighborhood fire hydrants.
2. Shoveling off sidewalks.
3. Helping a neighbor or elderly person dig out and shovel.
4. Contact a local church or organization that can put you in touch with someone in need.

With this much snow, any help you can give will be greatly appreciated!"



Tree Lighting Photos



Pecha Family with Santa



Mayor Van Orman with Santa



K-Kids Choir



Spencer lighting the Christmas Tree



BRITISH SOCCER CAMPS

By Troy Mullenix
Recreation Coordinator

It's not too early to start thinking about the British Soccer Camps returning to Liberty Lake this summer! Various camps will be offered the week of July 20th—July 24th. Sign-up online to receive a FREE replica jersey.
<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/recreation>

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| First Kicks | Ages 3 to 4 | 10:30-11:30 | \$80 |
| Mini Soccer | Ages 4 to 6 | 9:00-10:30 | \$85 |
| Half Day | Ages 6 to 18 | 9:00-12:00 | \$105 |
| Half Day | Ages 6 to 18 | 9:00-12:00 | \$105 |
| Full Day | Ages 7 to 18 | 9:00 - 4:00 | \$160 |



Senior Pickleball



Only \$1

Every Tuesday & Thursday
at the HUB
1:00—3:00pm

Cost for seniors (62+) is only \$1.00 a visit.
Visit the HUB at 19619 E. Cataldo Ave
(take the Barker Exit off I-90)

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

Thursday, Jan 1st

- New Years Day
- City Hall Closed

Tuesday, Jan 6th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, Jan 7th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

Thursday, Jan 8th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, Jan 12th

- Central Valley School Board Meeting 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, Jan 14th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, City Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting 4pm, City Hall

Thursday, Jan 15th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, Jan 19th

- Civil Rights Day
- City Hall Closed

Tuesday, Jan 20th

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Wednesday, Jan 21st

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowood Homeowner's Association Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

Thursday, Jan 22nd

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

Monday, Jan 26th

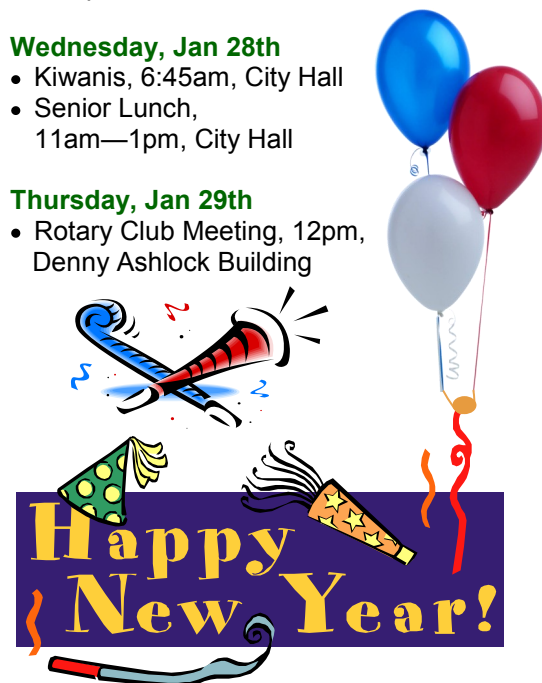
- Central Valley School Board Meeting 6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

Wednesday, Jan 28th

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, City Hall

Thursday, Jan 29th

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building



<http://www.libertylakewa.gov/calendar>



LIBERTY LINK

A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens

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The Liberty Link is published monthly by the City of Liberty Lake to inform our citizens about upcoming events, recreation programs, issues, and policies of our city government.

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| Recreation Services | 755-6726 | Chief Brian Asmus | 755-1141 |
| Liberty Lake Library | 232-2510 | S.C.O.P.E. | 755-1143 |
| Trailhead Golf Course | 928-3484 | Police Fax | 755-1144 |

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